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1. REF A IS PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA FOR CTD SCHEDULED IMMEDIATELY AFTER TNC. ANNOTATIONS FOR AGENDA ITEMS ON FUTURE WORK OF CTD, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO LDCS IN MTN, AND FURTHER WORK OF GROUP OF THREE ARE ALL COUCHED IN TERMS OF INVITING CTD TO DISCUSS HOW IT CAN CONTRIBUTE TO MTN, INCLUDING "SPECIAL PROCEDURES" FOR DC-LDC NEGOTIATIONS MENTIONED IN TOKYO MINISTERIAL AS WELL AS ANY RELATED POINTS RAISED DURING FIRST TNC MEETING.

2. REF B IS BRIEF ACCOUNT OF CTD ACTIVITIES DURING KENNEDY ROUND, CLEARLY SHOWING CTD HAS ALMOST NO INFLUENCE

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ON KR BUT SIMPLY REVIEWED REPORTS FROM TIME TO TIME ON

DEVELOPMENTS IN BODIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED WITH KR.

3. MISSION INTERPRETS THESE TWO DOCUMENTS AS THINLY-VEILED INVITATION TO LDCS (WHO OF COURSE DOMINATE CTD, THE ONLY REGULAR GATT BODY THEY ATTEND IN FORCE) TO GIVE CTD (AND G-3) MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN MTN THAN IN KR.

4. MISSION SUGGESTS FOREGOING BE BORNE IN MIND IN FINALIZING U.S. POSITION FOR TNC OCTOBER 24. WHILE THE MORE ACTIVE LDCS IN GATT MADE IT CLEAR DURING PREPCOM THAT THEY INTEND TO BRING UP PARTICULAR LDC INTERESTS IN ALL NEGOTIATING GROUPS THAT MAY BE ESTABLISHED UNDER TNC, WE BELIEVE MANY LDCS, ESPECIALLY SMALLER COUNTRIES WHICH WILL BE UNABLE TO STAFF LARGE NUMBER OF TECHNICAL BODIES, WILL WANT SOME KIND OF GENERAL OVERSEEING BODY FOR LDC INTERESTS. CTP COULD BE THAT BODY PROVIDED UNDERSTANDING CAN BE REACHED WITH LDCS THAT INsofar AS WORK DIRECTLY RELATED TO MTN IS CONCERNED CTD WILL BE SUBORDINATE TO TNC. ALTERNATIVELY, SOME NEW OVERSEEING GROUP ON LDC PROBLEMS COULD BE ESTABLISHED UNDER TNC BUT IN THIS EVENT THERE SHOULD BE CLEAR UNDERSTANDING THAT CTD WILL NOT DUPLICATE THIS FUNCTION OR ATTEMPT CARRY OUT WORK PROGRAM RELATING TO MTN INDEPENDENT OF TNC.

5. APART FROM INSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS REVIEWED ABOVE, ONLY ISSUE ON CTD AGENDA FOR WHICH SOME INSTRUCTION NEEDED IS RESPONSE TO SUGGESTION THAT DELEGATIONS MIGHT INFORM CTD OF ANY FURTHER ACTION RELEVANT TO IMPLEMENTATION OF GATT PART IV SINCE OCTOBER 72 REVIEW. BASSIN

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